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Stephanie Strength
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
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Washington, D.C. 20250-1571

Re: Proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission System Minnesota and Wisconsin

Dear Stephanie Strength,

We have reviewed the above-referenced proposed undertaking / request for consultation, for areas described as located in the Minnesota counties of Goodhue, Rice, Dakota, Winona, Wabasha, Olmsted, Dodge and Houston; and in the Wisconsin counties of Buffalo, Trempealeau, and La Crosse as required for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800.

There are in fact, known architectural properties, archeological sites, culturally sensitive sites, or traditional cultural properties (TCP) within these areas and we do elect to become part of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) as a consulting party. At this time, we will request to receive the "2008 CapX2020 utilities background study" mentioned in the correspondence letter to the Ho-Chunk Nation (Nation), as well as any other environmental or cultural studies that have been conducted up to this point, regarding the undertaking you propose. Electronic versions of these can be sent via e-mail if you would like, as well as a 5 hard copies sent to the Nation's THPO for dispersion to pertinent parties who may hold interest with this process.

If your project does proceed to the point of construction, please be aware that if inadvertent finds concerning cultural resources such as pottery, shards, historic/pre-historic artifacts or bone fragments/human remains occur during the process involved with this project, please stop all site work and contact the required pertinent agencies immediately.

If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself at 1-715-284-7181 Ext. 1121.

Respectfully,

William Quackenbush
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Ho-Chunk Nation

Cc Larry Garvin, Heritage Preservation Director, Ho-Chunk Nation
Wilfrid Cleveland – President, Ho-Chunk Nation

To preserve, protect and nurture the cultural, religious and historic resources of the Ho-Chunk Nation in its entirety.

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RUS appreciates the response from the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding consultation on the proposed project. RUS will provide project information to facilitate tribal participation in the project.

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RUS will contact the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding government-to-government consultation on the proposed project.

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